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SUBJECT: ROC'S UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS

1. INR INTELLIGENCE REPORT (IR) 716, "TAIWAN'S QUASI-DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS," WAS POUCHED TO YOU THIS WEEK. THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES STATE'S CURRENT KNOWLEDGE OF ROC UNOFFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS AROUND THE WORLD. DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN EXPANDING AND UPDATING THIS INFORMATION. WHILE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH POSTS TO MAKE SPECIAL APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENTS OR LOCAL ROC REPRESENTATIVES TO INQUIRE ABOUT DE FACTO RELATIONS WITH ROC, ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED, IN THE COURSE OF NORMAL REPORTING, OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ROC UNOFFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT ROC ACTIVITY IN THEIR HOST COUNTRY.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF IR 716:

3. THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) IN RECENT YEARS HAS DE-
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VELOPED A NETWORK OF QUASI-DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH AT LEAST 27 COUNTRIES THAT HAVE TERMINATED FORMAL DIPLO-MATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROC AND SWITCHED OFFICIAL RECOG-

NITION TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC). THROUGH A VARIETY OF OSTENSIBLY PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS THAT IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER FUNCTION AS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, TAIWAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN RESIDUAL DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR, AND COMMERCIAL CONTACT WITH MANY NATIONS THAT OFFICIALLY DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE ISLAND'S GOVERN-MENT.

4. TAIWAN'S MOST HIGHLY DEVELOPED QUASI-DIPLOMATIC RE-LATIONSHIP IS WITH JAPAN. SINCE 1972, TWO "PRIVATE" ASSOCIATIONS, CONTROLLED BY THE JAPANESE AND ROC GOVERN-MENTS, HAVE EFFECTIVELY TAKEN OVER ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS' FORMER EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES AND SERVED AS THEIR PRIMARY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL. THE ASSOCIATIONS' OVERSEAS OFFICES ENJOY MOST, THOUGH

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NOT ALL, OF THE IMMUNITIES OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AND THEY PERFORM THE FULL RANGE OF CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL DUTIES.

5. IN 26 OTHER COUNTRIES, THE ROC CARRIES ON AT LEAST SOME GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS THROUGH TRADE OFFICES, AIR-LINES, NEWS AGENCIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. SEVEN COUNTRIES BESIDES JAPAN HAVE ESTABLISHED SIMILAR MISSIONS IN TAIWAN.

6. TAIWAN'S TRADE HAS FLOURISHED WITH MOST OF ITS QUASI-DIPLOMATIC PARTNERS, AND THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF ITS UNOFFICIAL MISSIONS HAVE GENERALLY TENDED TO INCREASE. HOWEVER, THE ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THESE RELATIONSHIPS OVER THE LONG TERM WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON:

--THE CONTINUED IMPORTANCE OF ROC FOREIGN TRADE,
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WHICH IS NOW ROUGHLY EQUAL TO THAT OF THE PRC;

--CONTINUED PRC TOLERANCE FOR TRADE AND UNOFFICIAL RELA-TIONS WITH TAIWAN BY ITS DIPLOMATIC PARTNERS; AND

--THE PROSPECTS FOR THE ROC'S CONTINUED POLITICAL VIABILITY.
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